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SUBJ: ASST SECY EASUM CONVERSATION WITH GUINEAN FONMIN

CISSOKO

1. ASST SECY EASUM MET WITH GUINEAN FONMIN CISSOKO IN GUINEA UN MISSION OFFICE FOR GET-ACQUAINTED VISIT. CISSOKO BROACHED TWO QUESTIONS: US SUPPORT FOR CURRENT SPECIAL GA AND PROBLEMS RELATED TO IT, AND US AID IN ENDING COLONIALISM IN AFRICA.

2. CISSOKO WAS DIRECT AND ARTICULATE. HE SAID MESSAGE HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO GIVE TO US WAS THAT GUINEA IS HAPPY WITH GOOD RELATIONS IT HAS HAD WITH US AND BELIEVES US HAS MOST IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN EVENTS OF THIS GA SESSSION AND DEVELOPMENTS WHICH FLOW FROM IT. AS MOST DEVELOPED NATION, US MUST LEAD WAY FOR DEVELOPED WORLD IN GIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO UNDER-DEVELOPED. HE SAID INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS HAVE THE INDUSTRY, LESS DEVELOPED THE PRODUCTS, AND THE TWO SIDES MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR BETTERMENT OF MANKIND.

3. ON DECOLONIZATION, CISSOKO SAID US, AS NATION OF LIBERTY, MUST HELP AFRICA RID ITSELF ENTIRELY OF COLONIALISM.

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HE SAID US CAN TELL PORTUGUESE THAT THEY ARE MOVING AGAINST

THE FLOW OF HISTORY, THAT THEY MUST GIVE LIBERTY TO THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA. HE SAID AFRICAN NATIONS CANNOT REST UNTIL LIBERTY COMES TO ENTIRE CONTINENT. EASUM REPLIED, EXPLAINING COMPLEXITY OF ROLE US MUST PLAY. HE SAID THAT WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH AFRICAN DESIRES, WE ALSO HAVE BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES, IN MIDDLE EAST FOR EXAMPLE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ARMS BALANCE THERE, WITHOUT WHICH NO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED, WE MUST HAVE ACCESS TO AZORES BASE AND THIS, OF COURSE, REQUIRES PORTUGUESE APPROVAL. CISSOKO RESPONDED THAT MID-EAST QUESTION IS INDEED OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE AND THAT US SHOULD FIND SOLUTION THERE BETWEEN PALESTINIAN JEWS AND PALESTINIAN ARABS. EASUM REPLIED THAT US HOPED PLAY USEFUL ROLE BUT COULD NOT ITSELF DESIGN THE SOLUTION. WE HOPED, HOWEVER, TO ASSIST IN BRINGING THIS DIFFICULT QUESTION TO POINT OF RESOLUTION ONCE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ACHIEVED. CISSOKO RECOMMENDED PLO AS BEING MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE SPOKESMAN WITH WHICH TO DEAL ON PALESTINIAN SIDE.

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